

# Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman Discusses January 2, 2020 OIS

On January 2, 2020 at approximately 9:10 a.m., the LVMPD received a report that a man armed with a handgun was making threats inside an apartment complex management office located at 4051 West Viking Road.

Arriving officers heard a shot being fired as they approached the management office. Officer Ronald Hornyak and his partner advanced towards the office and observed a male, later identified as 93-year-old Robert Thomas, armed with a handgun standing over an injured male. Officer Hornyak ordered Thomas to drop the gun and fired one round through a glass door striking Thomas's jacket. Thomas then complied and placed the handgun down on a desk. Officers entered the business and took Thomas into custody without further incident. Thomas was uninjured by the officer's round and received a small cut to his head while being handcuffed.

Thomas was treated and released from UMC Trauma and charged with the following crimes:

- Attempt Murder with Deadly Weapon
- Kidnap with Deadly Weapon
- Discharge Firearm within Structure
- Burglary with Firearm
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon

The victim sustained two gunshot wounds and was transported to UMC Trauma with non-life threatening injuries.

A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/u7lkqqCXGeg>

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A booking photo of Thomas accompanies this release.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> officer involved shooting of 2020. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is conducting the investigation into the officers use of force in this incident. The findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney's Office for review.

An examination of this incident is being conducted by the LVMPD's Critical Incident Review Team. This review will focus on policy, tactics and training as it relates to this use of force.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Team at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at [www.crimestoppersofnv.com](http://www.crimestoppersofnv.com).

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